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Dear Interested Party

The Kaibab National Forest (KNF) is proposing the Burnt Corral Vegetation Management Project (hereinafter-referred-to-as “Burnt Corral”) to improve forest health and vigor, to improve habitat conditions and make them more resilient to change in the event of wildfire and/or other climatic condition changes within the western ponderosa pine belt of the Kaibab Plateau. The attached “Proposed Action” is being sent to you as a scoping packet, which includes more detailed information (including general location) on the planned 28,052 acre project, as authorized under the *Land and Resource Management Plan for the Kaibab National Forest* (2014). The scoping packet may also be obtained electronically from the KNF website at: [http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa\\_project\\_exp.php?project=44236](http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=44236).

In development and preparation of Burnt Corral, the participation of interested persons, state and local governments, and Indian tribes is encouraged at this time and throughout the National Environmental Policy Act [(NEPA) 1969 - as amended] process. Public scoping and gathering public comment on the project’s Proposed Action is just the first step under the NEPA process. The North Kaibab Ranger District (NKR D) anticipates that a project-specific environmental assessment (EA) will be drafted within the next year. In accordance with 36 CFR Part 218 – “*Project-Level Predecisional Administrative Review Process*” and upon completion of the final project EA and a decision will be rendered by the responsible official.

Planning and notification of Burnt Corral was first posted on the Fiscal Year 2014 Third Quarter Schedule of Proposed Actions (SOPA) for the KNF, Arizona, on April 1, 2014. Individual Tribal letters were sent to the various tribal agencies on June 27, 2014. From June 2014 through January 2015, the NKR D in coordination with the Landscape Conservation Initiative at Northern Arizona University conducted pre-NEPA collaboration and planning (in accordance with the National Forest Management Act, 1976 – as amended) with various interested stakeholders to develop a Draft Proposed Action for the project, which could be scoped to the public. The scoping packet attached is a result of these efforts.

The purpose of this notice is to invite meaningful public involvement on the Burnt Corral proposal. Comments may be written, hand-delivered, oral, or electronically delivered for 30 calendar days following the date of this letter. Hand-delivered comments can be submitted to the U.S. Forest Service, Kaibab National Forest – North Kaibab Ranger District office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Monday through Friday - excluding holidays), located at 430 S. Main Street, P.O. Box 248, Fredonia, AZ, 86022. Faxed comments may be sent to (928) 643-8105. E-mailed comments (.docx, .doc, .txt, .pdf, and .rtf formats only) may be submitted via electronic mail to: [comments-southwestern-kaibab-north-kaibab@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-southwestern-kaibab-north-kaibab@fs.fed.us). Please include “Burnt Corral





Project” in the subject line of the email for easy identification. Comments received in response to this solicitation including names and addresses of those who comment, will become part of the public record for this project.

In an effort to increase efficiency and reduce spending, future communications for this project will be electronic. If you would like to continue to receive these communications, please provide your email address at [comments-southwestern-kaibab-north-kaibab@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-southwestern-kaibab-north-kaibab@fs.fed.us). If you do not have access to the internet and would like to continue to receive hard-copy communications, please contact Garry Domis (NKRD Silviculturist – Project Lead) by mail at U.S. Forest Service, Kaibab National Forest – North Kaibab Ranger District, 430 S. Main Street, P.O. Box 248, Fredonia, AZ, 86022; phone: (928) 643-8140. Specific comments on this project will be accepted during the 30-day comment period, and a final proposed action or summary will be mailed out (either electronic or hard-copy) to those who respond to this scoping letter.

Thank you for your interest in management of National Forest System lands.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures (3)

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